

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Mr. Douglas J. Phillabaum 1350 I Street, N.W. Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20005-3311

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request (EPA-HQ-2014-008960)

Dear Mr. Phillabaum,

Our office was assigned responsibility for your FOIA, EPA-HQ-2014-008960, requesting a copy of Notices of Violation relating to the Clean Air Act issued to the following carbon black manufacturers between 2008 and the present:

- 1. Cabot Corporation and related entities:
- 2. Continental Carbon and related entities;
- 3. Sid Richardson and related entities:
- 4. Aditya Birla Group and related entities; and
- 5. Columbian Chemicals (acquired by Aditya Birla Group in 2011).

We have researched your FOIA request and are releasing all responsive records to your FOIA, EPA-HQ-2014-008960.

If you are not satisfied with my action on this request, you may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service only), or by fax: (202) 566-2147, or by email: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the U.S. Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004.

Your appeal must be in writing and submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should clearly identify the determination being appealed, including the assigned FOIA request number (RIN) shown above. For the quickest possible handling, both the appeal letter and its envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This information is being made available to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended, and Agency regulation, 40 CFR Part 2, as amended. Section 2.120 of the above referenced regulation authorizes the assessment of a fee to cover the search and reproduction cost incurred by the Environmental Protection Agency in complying with information requests where the total cost to the Agency exceeds \$25.00. Since the fee for this FOIA, EPA-HQ-2014-008960, was less than \$25.00, no fee is being assessed to this FOIA.

If you have any questions please contact me, Sounjay K. Gairola, at (202) 564-4003.

Sincerely,

Sounjay K. Gairola

AED FOIA Coordinator

cc:

HQ FOIA Office, US EPA Maya Lee Newman, US EPA